Notary Identity Management: Using Notarization strategically to prevent identity theft and forgery online

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Proving the Authenticity of Electronic Documents: Authentication of the Notary

- Documents ranging from mortgages to deeds to advance healthcare directives now can be notarized electronically. How do we prove Notaries and signers are who they say they are Online?
- Digital certificates help prove identities
 - They are a type of electronic credential issued to groups that comply with the MBA's strict standards for credential issuance and liability
 - They provide a method of detecting alterations to the e-signature and edocument
 - They provide the capability of legally attributing the e-signature and e-document to the Notary
 - They comply with e-Notarization standards of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS)
 - They follow the American Bar Association's digital signature guidelines
 - They are consistent with emerging federal and cross-industry best practices for signer and e-document authentication

National eNotary Registry™

- National Registration Authority
 - SISAC Accredited CA and RA
 - National eNotary Registry[™]
 - 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation [business league]
 - Board of Directors
 - Private Industry
 - Sister Associations
 - Government representatives
 - Manage (issue, revoke, renew) Electronic Notary Seal and non-Notary digital certificates

Identity Management

Using SISAC Credentials to Verify Identity of Notaries

 National eNotary Registry[™] allows relying third parties to independently verify Notary's identity credential Online

- Credential provides a liability framework
- Promotes uniform business practices

Strategic Value of Credential-Based Electronic Notarization with SISAC Accredited Digital Certificates

- Security procedure that provides capability of proving electronic documents in court
- Functional equivalent of "original" document and handwritten signature for recording purposes
- Legal and regulatory compliance
- Protection against fraud and forgery